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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE SPECIFICATION:

This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of United States Application No. 09/418,448, filed on October 15, 1999, now Patent No. 6,129,999, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/250,741, filed on February 16, 1999, now Patent No. 6,007,701. This application is also related to co-pending United States Application No. 09/753,496, filed on January 2, 2001, and United States Application No. 09/664,195, filed on September 18, 2000, now Patent No. 6,398,948.

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) A method for purifying used oil, comprising:
mixing the used oil with a phase transfer catalyst in the presence of a base compound, wherein the phase transfer catalyst comprises a glycol; and
removing contaminants from the used oil.

31. (Amended) A method for removing contaminants from motor oil, comprising:
mixing the motor oil with an inorganic base compound;
mixing the motor oil with a phase transfer catalyst in the presence of the inorganic base compound, wherein the phase transfer catalyst comprises a glycol; and then
distilling the motor oil at a temperature of about 200°C to about 275°C and a pressure of about 100 torr to about 200 torr.